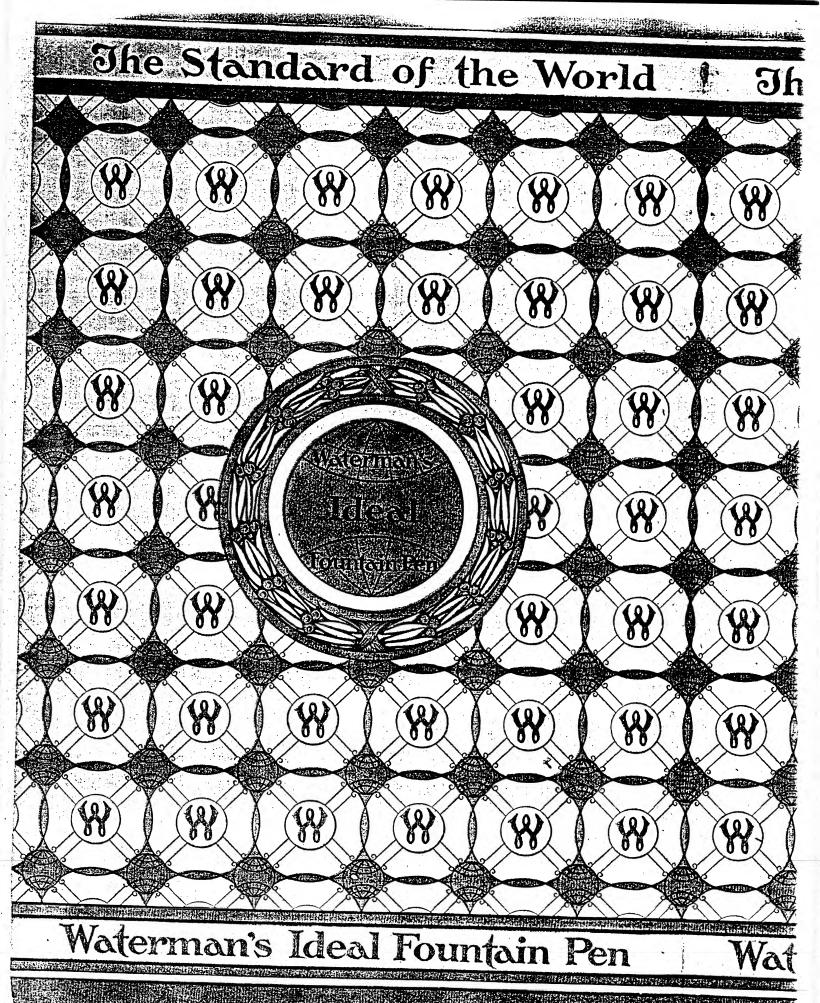


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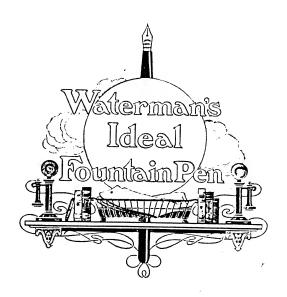
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Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen



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a dream. First comes the appreciation of a great universal need; next, the dream solution; and, sometimes, though infrequently, there follows the realization—often after the dreamer is no more. Mr. L. E. Waterman, inventor of Waterman's

Ideal Fountain Pen, was one of such, but he lived to see the development of many of his plans.

First there came to him an appreciation of the world's need. Here was all mankind a slave to the ink bottle. The time and energy, throughout the world, wasted in the dipping of pens in ink was almost beyond calculation. The "dip pen" was ever inconvenient and unready. There was every reason why mankind should be supplied with a pen that required no dipping.

Fountain pens had been known for many years, but, as they had not given satisfactory service the world would have none of them, and the journeys of millions of pens, from paper to ink bottle, continued.

Mr. Waterman saw the need and realized that the fountain pen would fulfil it if made to give satisfaction, and resolved to make the pen as it should be made.

The fountain pen was not invented by Mr. Waterman, but the application to the fountain pen, of the principle of the feed of the split reed, was originated by him, and to him is due the credit for making the fountain pen a practical writing instrument.

When, in 1883, he had completed his first pen, he termed it "Ideal". Now this was, and ever has been, more than word, as there is always an ideal to be maintained in the making of Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens; the ideal being to make a pen which gives perfect service to the average man.

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So in making his pen Mr. Waterman made it simple and of the fewest parts possible. He knew that ink was a difficult and dangerous liquid to carry in the pocket, and that even a small amount of it could cause damage out of all proportion to the quantity employed. He knew also that as most ink dries it forms a gum, which, in time, resolves itself almost into cement.

He refused, therefore, to entertain any of the ingenious ideas which, in manufacture, promised the millennium in fountain pens, and which would have fulfilled it if the pen were to contain water instead of ink.

The Ideal must stand for simplicity, safety and service.

The making of a superior article is only one-half of the battle. When Mr. Waterman had produced a fountain pen that would give perfect service, there was no disposition on the part of the public to rush in and buy it. They were sold, a pen at a time, only by the most strenuous effort.

Mr. Waterman believed, however, that his pens were his missionaries. The Ideal was rigidly adhered to; the pens gave satisfaction, and their owners, with unstinted praise, helped to make Waterman's Ideal pen far easier to sell.

An ideal established in the making was followed by an ideal in selling. In order to pay the rental of the modest quarters which he occupied, Mr. Waterman was obliged to sell pens; but he was unwilling to hold the money of the person who was dissatisfied with the purchase. Every buyer fully understood "If your pen does not suit you, bring it back and exchange it, or we will return your money." Such a business was bound to grow, and grow it did. When the receipts finally began to exceed the expenditures, Mr. Waterman began to advertise in a modest way, and to employ salesmen as the business increased. As the results of the selling force became more effective, relations with the trade assumed increasing importance. Thus, was the Ideal broadened to include relations with the dealer.

Mr. Waterman had observed the tendency to cut the price on advertised articles, and realized that price-cutting not only robbed the dealer of his legitimate profit, but destroyed his incentive to push the goods and give the necessary care. He resolved that his business should not suffer from this practice. In this, however, there were difficulties to be surmounted. It was unfair for the dealer to sign a rock-ribbed agreement not to cut prices on goods he had purchased,

when there was a possibility that he would not be enabled to sell them at list prices. Therefore, Mr. Waterman announced that he would sell only to dealers who would agree to maintain prices, and that he would buy back any, or all, unsold pens in stock, at the full price paid for them.

Here, then, was a three-sided Ideal: to make an Ideal writing instrument, and to hold Ideal relations with the public and with the trade. The business, launched with this fairness and energy by Mr. Waterman, soon showed, in the hands of his successors, the results which were confidently expected.

In twenty-four years the business has progressed from one with desk space in a cigar store, in Fulton Street, to the occupancy of two entire buildings of thirty-one thousand square feet of floor space, on one of New York's greatest corners. The corner of Broadway and Cortlandt Street is now universally known as "The Pen Corner", owing to its identification with the largest fountain pen manufacturers in the world and their ecumenical advertising. Branch stores have been established in the principal cities of the United States, Canada, Mexico and South America. The ocean has proven to be no barrier, and, from headquarters in London, pens are distributed to the principal cities of Great Britain, and to the branch stores and dealers throughout the continent.

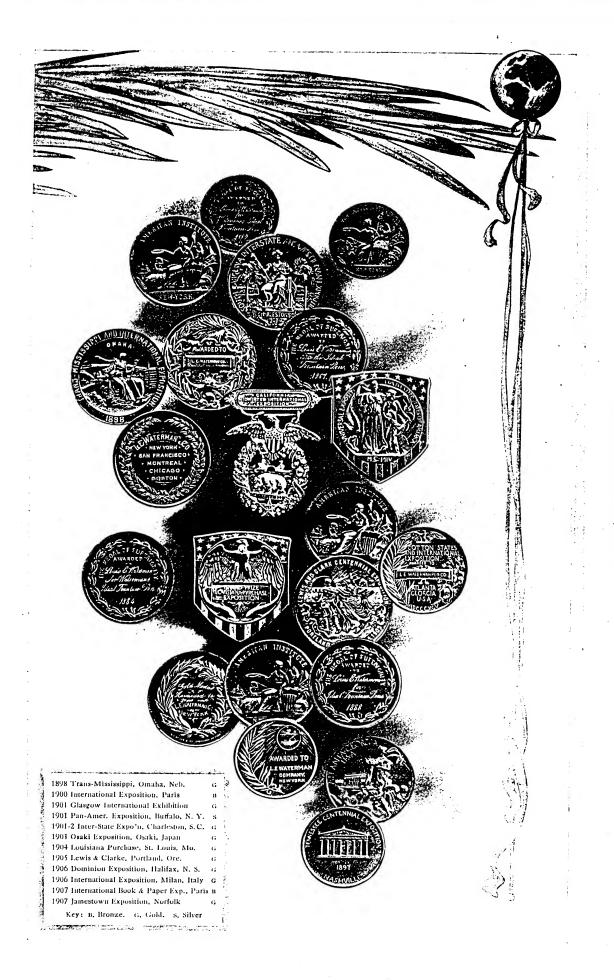
The output has grown from six dozen pens in 1883, until in 1907 the value of pens sold was \$2,500,000.00.

Here indeed, then, is an Ideal and its realization.

Mr. Waterman died in 1901. During the year of his death, in the business which he had inaugurated, pens were sold to the retail value of \$600,000.00; he had received twenty gold medals, each being the highest award for superiority, and, taken all in all, his was one of the finest records attained by any of the great American inventors.

The ideals which have made the past history of Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen still govern the business. It ever was, is now, and always will be the aim of the L. E. Waterman Company to make and sell a simple and serviceable fountain pen, and to maintain mutually satisfactory business relations with the trade and the public.





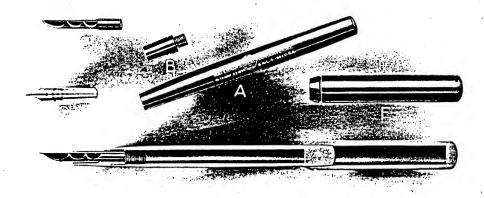
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"To be simple is to be great."—EMERSON

Five Simple Parts. The highest grade materials manufactured, by the best of skilled craftsmen, into five simple yet mechanically perfect parts, carefully assembled in a technical manner, have made Waterman's Ideal "The World's Standard Writing Instrument."



The four rubber parts are made from the very finest grade of Para rubber that can be bought by our representatives visiting the South American forests. In process of manufacture, these parts pass through no less than 130 careful operations, each being the work of the highest class of skilled mechanics.

The Barrel, Section A, bears our trade mark—your guarantee—and is finished in a very high polish, and made with the largest possible ink capacity.

The Point Section, Section B, in which the gold pen and spoon feed are carefully fitted, screws firmly into the barrel, leaving no shoulder whatever, at the joint.

The Spoon Feed, Section C, is described on following page.

The Gold Pen, Section D, is made of 14-kt. gold, by a well-trained corps of skilled mechanics, who have devoted a lifetime to the art of evolving this product of the eraftman's skill. The gold pen, from start to finish, passes through 80 operations and, upon completion, is absolutely perfect. Being hand-tempered and the point tipped with specially selected iridium—the hardest known metal—renders the point permanently durable, and never-changing in its character.

The Cap, Section E, is finished exactly like the barrel, and fits over the pen point and section, gripping the barrel firmly.

The five parts are carefully assembled, in a separate department, then minutely inspected; and the finished pen, having passed this department, bears our permanent guarantee.

Thus, has been made possible the combination of pen and ink into one, designed to be carried by the writers of the world, and to serve them faithfully and continually.



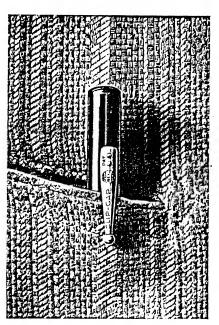
The Spoon Feed and the Clip-Cap. Two distinctive L. E. Waterman Company patented features which made possible the wonderful success and ecumenical use of Waterman's Ideal.

Each serves to attain a superiority that has never been reached in any other writing instrument, in the world.

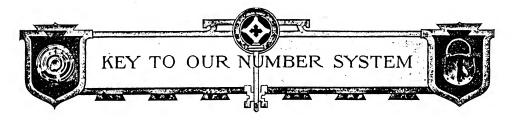
The Spoon Feed, with its various grooves and pockets, is made solid, from a perfect piece of the best vulcanized Para rubber. It removed the last objection that was ever pronounced in connection with the fountain pen. It regulates automatically, by the act of writing, a capillary flow of ink, to the very point of the pen, as required, and this to the last drop in the barrel. The pockets, being arranged scientifically, hold any surplus flow of ink, which may be caused by the heat of the hand, until carried off in writing, or set back into the barrel, thus eliminating the last possibility of overflow.

The principle is one that is deducted from the split reed—one of the earliest known writing methods of man—and its application, in the Spoon Feed, to the fountain pen, in patents which fully protect it from general use, was founded by Mr. L. E. Waterman.

The Clip-Cap, identified only with Waterman's Ideal Fountain



Pen, was designed as the most compact and effective attachment to prevent loss from the pocket, or the pen rolling when laid on any surface. "The Pen with the Clip-Cap" is a phrase now universally known and connected with our pens. Its use and appearance, in the pocket, has become a general fad, but, owing to its service, one that will last forever. This is another of the extremely simple Waterman patents, which may be attached to any of our pens, and, in use, is a positively effective device that firmly grips the pocket, protecting the pen against loss, but allowing it to be very easily and handily removed. In all, it is an exceptionally low rate for fountain pen insurance, that lasts indefinitely.

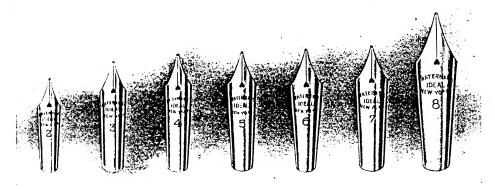


Our simple system of numbering has been planned to aid the trade in the quick determination of a size or style of pen, aiding materially in its sale, as well as in ordering, stock taking, etc. Each figure in the number, on the butt end of every Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen, invariably represents a fixed size or style of the several parts, as shown below (the numbers are divided into units, tens and hundreds, from right to left).

- 2 The figure in the Unit Column indicates the size of the gold pen contained in the holder.
- 22 The figure in the Tens Column indicates the shape of the holder.
- 402 The figure in the Hundreds Column indicates a metal mounting and its style.
- 0512 The prefix O indicates Gold Filled.
- 12 P The suffix P indicates Pump-Filling styles.
- 12V The suffix V indicates Vest Pocket sizes.
- 12 S The suffix S indicates Safety styles.

The Finish of the holder or the Design of the mounting, however, is always indicated by the addition of a descriptive word; for instance, "Black", "Mottled", etc., on the unmounted pens, "Chased", "Barleycorn", etc., on the mounted pens.

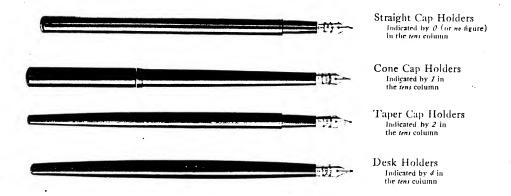
The Size of the Gold Pen
Is indicated by the figure in the Unit Column of all numbers
viz.: No. 214 carries No. 4 gold pen



No. 2 No. 3 No. 4 No. 5 No. 6 No. 7 No. 8 Gold Pen Gold Pen Gold Pen Gold Pen Gold Pen Gold Pen Gold Pen

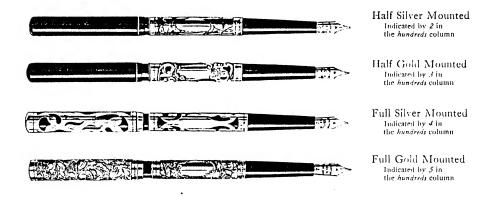
The Shape of the Holder Is indicated by the figure in the Tens Column of all numbers

viz. No. 24 would be taper cap and a No. 4 gold pen



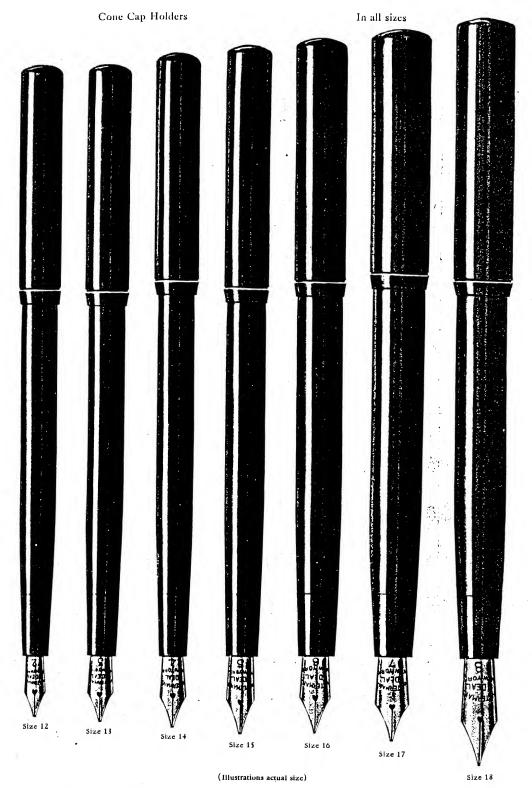
The Metal Mounting and Its Style are indicated by the figure in the Hundreds Column of all numbers

viz.: No. 314 would be half-gold-mounted, cone cap and a No. 4 size pen



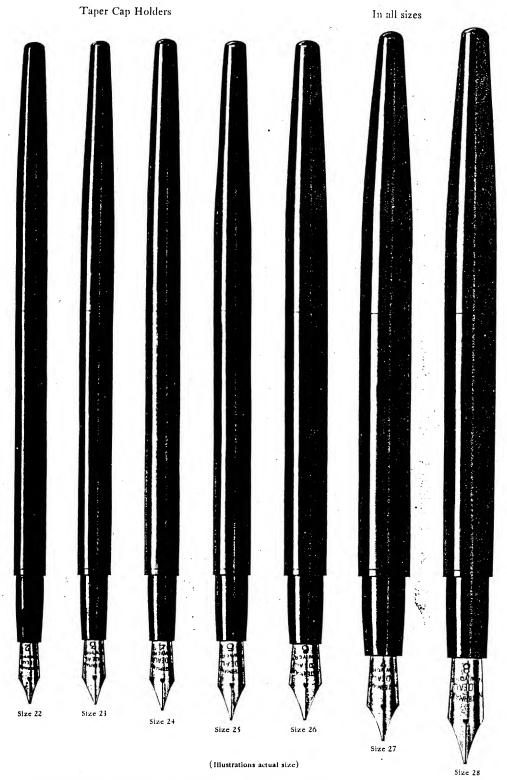
The prefix \mathcal{O} when included in the number indicates Gold Filled viz.: 0324 would be gold-filled, half-gold-mounted, taper cap, No. 4 size gold pen

On the following pages are reproduced, exactly, illustrations of the various sizes of gold pen points, shapes of the various styles of holders, a complete line of styles and mounting, etc., to which this forms a complete key.



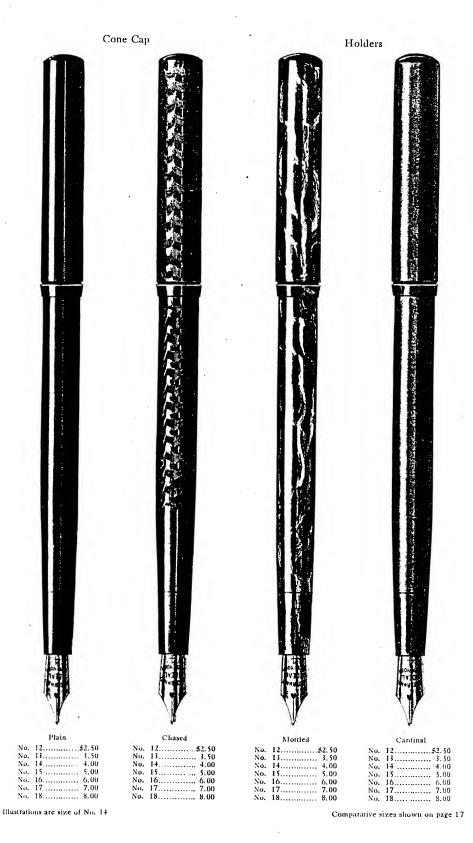
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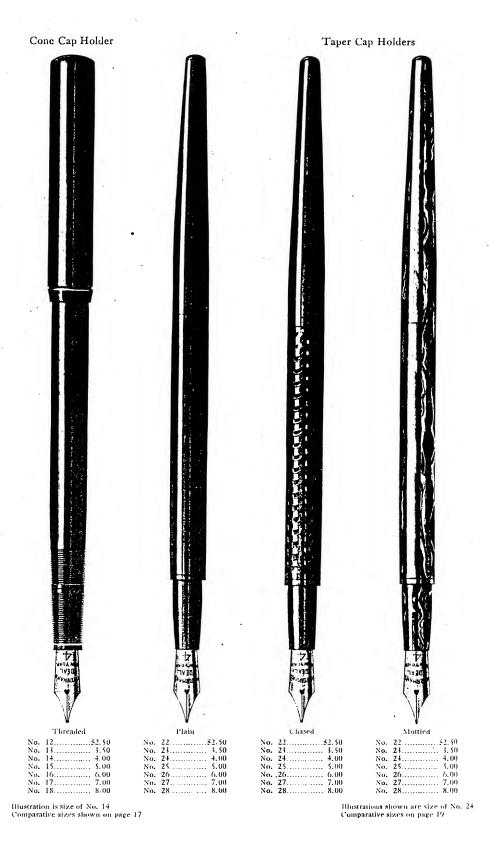
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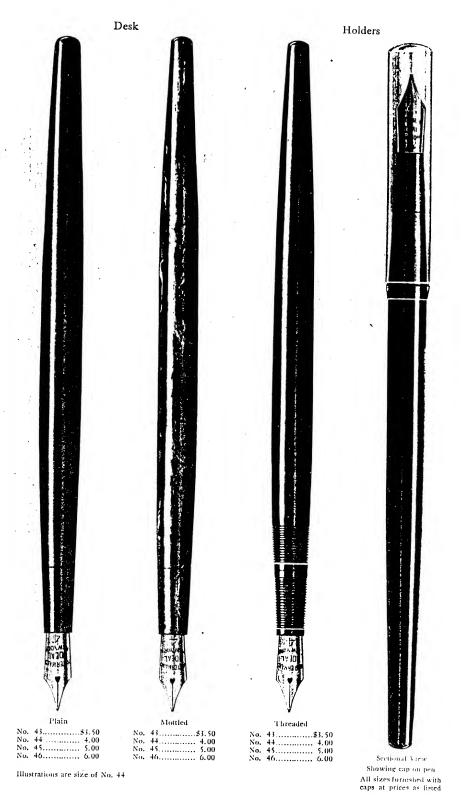


Vest Pocket Styles Straight Holders

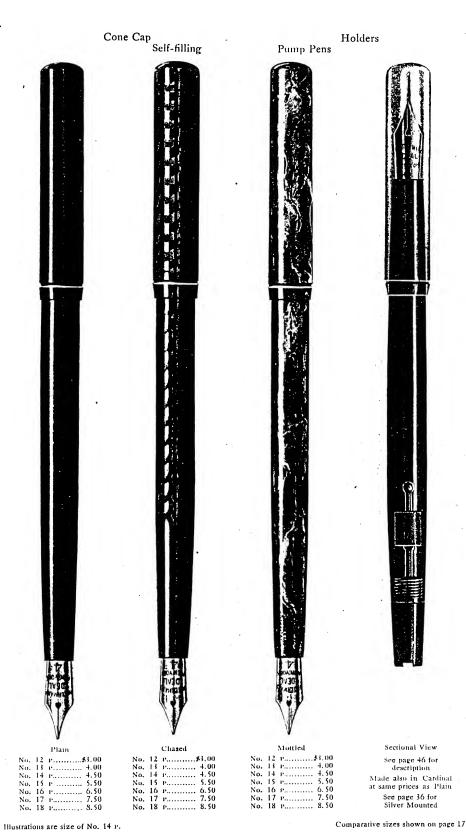
Cone Cap Holders



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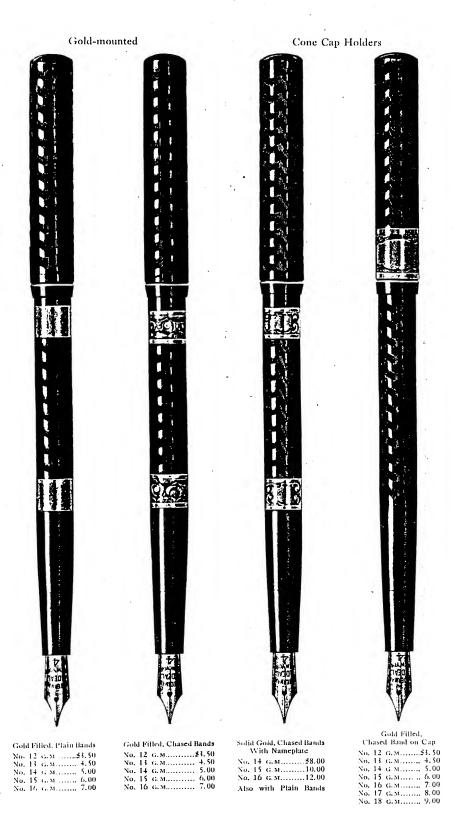
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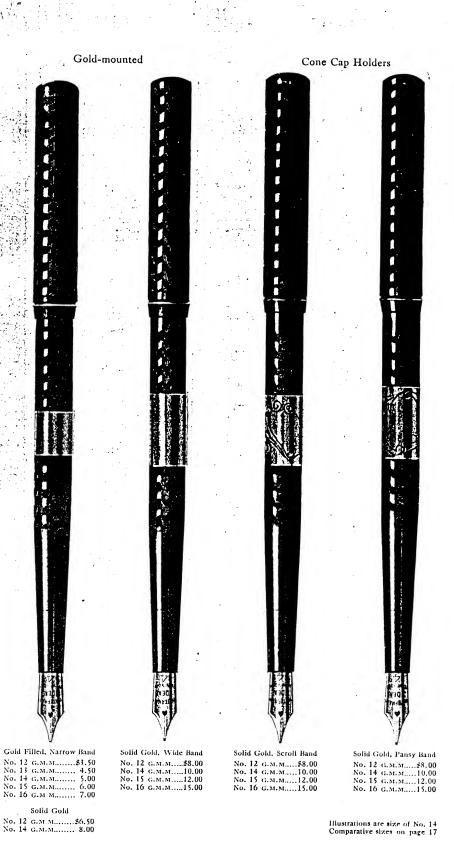


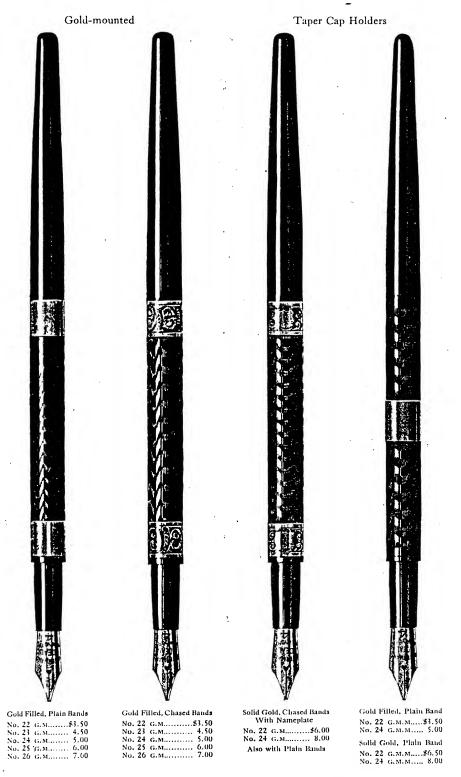


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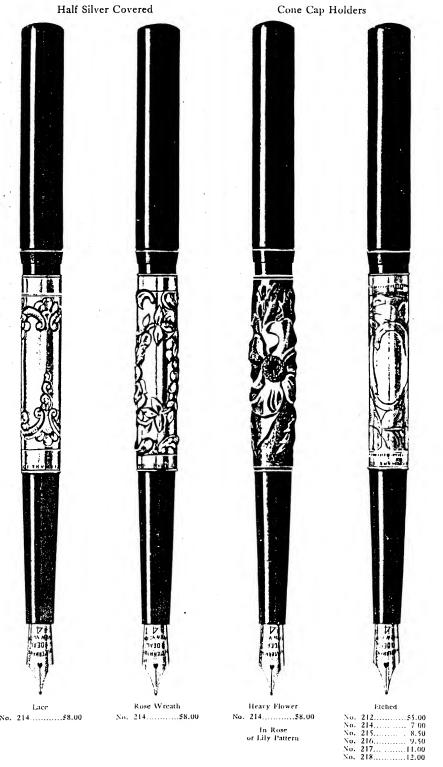






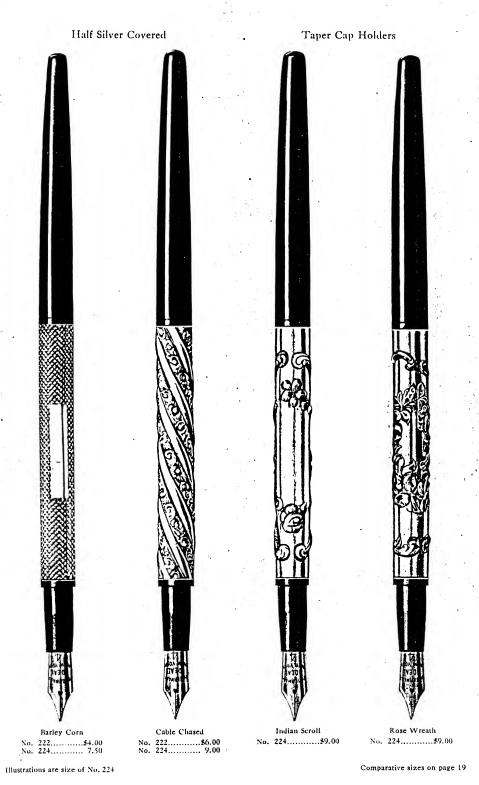
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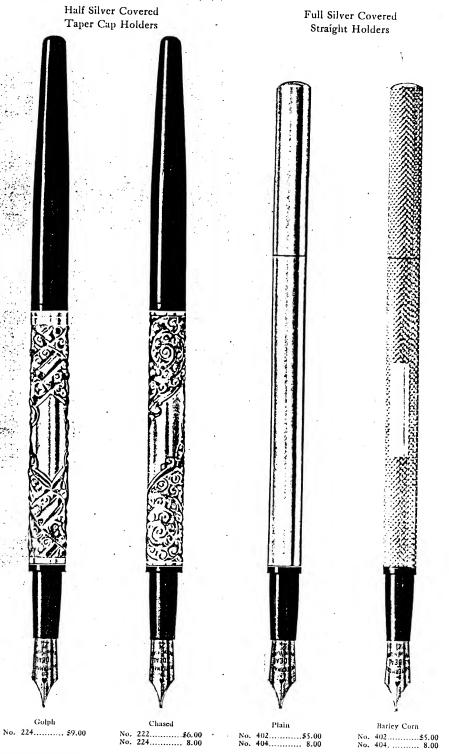
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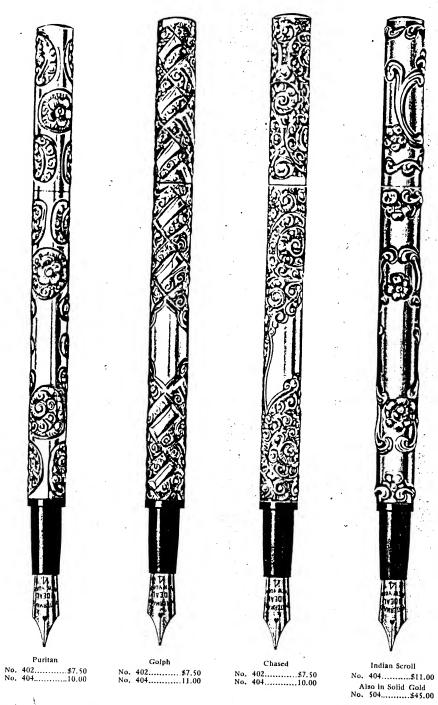


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Full Silver Covered

Straight Holders



Illustrations are size of No. 404

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Full Silver Covered Straight Holders

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Barley Corn No. 402 v......\$5.00

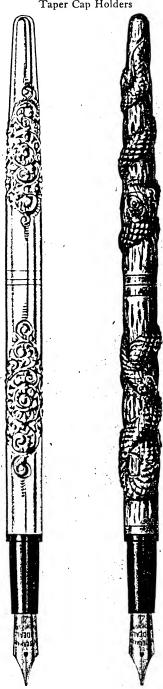
Cable Chased No. 402..........\$7.50

Full Silver Cone Cap Holders



Filigree, Black	Filigree, Cardinal		
No. 41255.00	No. 412\$5.00		
No. 414 7.00	No. 414 7.00		
No. 415 8.50	No. 415 8.50		
No. 416 9.50	No. 416 9.50		
No. 41711.00	No. 41711.00		
No. 418 12.00	No. 41812.00		

Covered Taper Cap Holders



Chased

Snake

Full Silver Covered



Taper and Cone Cap Holders



Half Gold Covered



Pincapple
No. 424.....\$12.00
Also Gold Filled
No. 0524.....\$15.00
Solid Gold
No. 524.....\$35.00

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Rose Wreath No. 424......\$12.00

Comparative sizes shown on pages 17 and 19



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Golph
No. 0502......\$10.00
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Solid Gold
No. 504.....\$40.00 Illustrations are size of No. 504



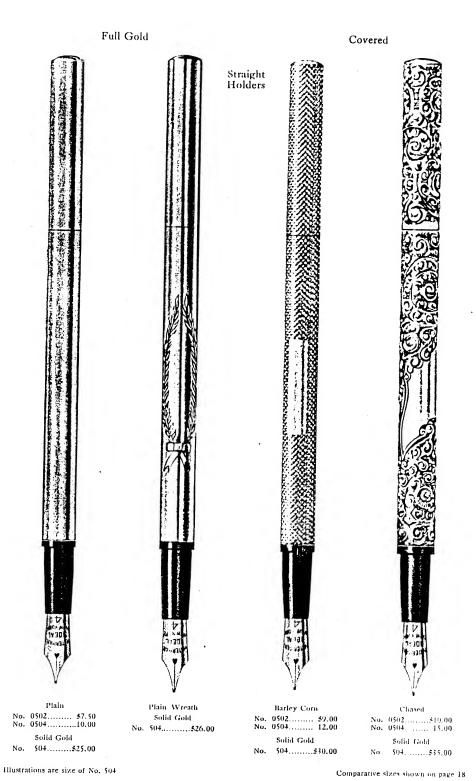






No. 504......\$45.00

Comparative sizes shown on page 18



Full Gold



Covered

Straight, Cone and Taper Cap Holders



Chased Filigree
No. 0514.......\$15.00
Solid Gold
No. 514......\$35.00

Pansy No. 0524......\$15.00 Solid Gold No. 524......\$35.00

Comparative sizes shown on pages 17, 18 and 19

Taper Cap Holder

Cone Cap Holders



Colonial Solid Gold No. 322......\$12.00

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Majestic
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Solid Gold
No. 514.......\$55.00

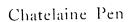
Comparative sizes shown on pages 17-19

Waterman's



Fountain Pen





A most practical style for ladies' use. Can readily be carried pinned to the dress; is always convenient and ready to write by unscrewing the barrel from the cap. If desired the cap also may be slipped off of the lip of the neat little, fleur-de-lis design, gold pin to which it is attached.

Made in 6 sizes, each with 2 gold bands.

Prices include pins.

No.	12	G.M.	Chatelaine	 \$5.00
No.			••	
No.			**	 8.50
No.			••	 9.50
No.			••	 11.00
No.			••	 12.00

Name plate on top band for engraving.

Illustration is size of No. 14. Comparative sizes shown on page 17.



Showing how it is scaled when closed

Safety Pen

A style that can be carried in any position, upside down, right side up, side ways or end ways, and cannot spill.

All the superior features and patented parts in the regular Waterman's Ideals are combined in this fountain pen, in addition to it being so made that the gold pen conveniently screws back into the barrel permitting the cap to screw down on the open end and positively seal the barrel.

An excellent style for ladies' use as they may be carried in purse, hand-hag or trunk with perfect safety. A general traveling style of fountain pen.



Showing how it is scaled when

Made in 3 styles and 6 sizes as described, with increasing ink capacities and sizes of gold pens.



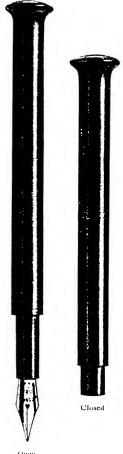
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No. 12 v.s. (4¼ in.)	No. 14 v.s. (43% in.)\$4.00	No. 15 v.s. (4½ in.)\$5.00
No. 12 s. (5 in.)	Also in long sizes No. 14 s. (5½ in.)\$4,00 Made in Plain. Chased, Mottled and Cardinal	No. 15 s. (5½ in.)\$5.00





Actual size No. 415, Vest Safety, Filigree-open

No. 412 v.s. (41/ in.)	No. 414 v.s. (43a in.)	No. 415 v.s. (4½ in.)
No. 412 s. (5 in.)	Also in long sizes No. 414 s. (5½ in.)	No. 415 s. (5½ in.)\$8.50

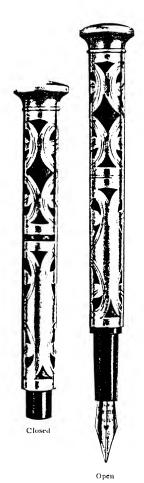


Plain Check Book Pen (Actual size)

Check Book Pen

A perfect Waterman's Ideal, in miniature, which has met with great favor. Designed as a convenient size for vest pocket or purse use, for handiness in signing checks or making notes, or for compact combination with diary or pocket memorandum book.

In three styles
Plain Black\$2 50
Plain Cardinal 2.50
Citizens Mountail 5 M



Filigree Check Book Pen (Actual size)



The Baby Pen-actual size. \$2.50

The Baby Pen

A perfect little Waterman's Ideal which is very satisfactory for general use where a small pen is required. A splendid style for children's use. One which is extensively used for birthday or christening gifts.

Pump-Filling Styles

A SELF-FILLING style of perfect action, without any complicated parts. Of the highest quality and finest manufacture, which the trade-mark guarantees.

In all the styles illustrated on page 25, and Filigree on page 36. There are no soft rubber parts to be affected by acids in the ink.

The pump-filling pen is filled without the use of a dropper, by simply unscrewing the butt end of the holder, and, after inserting



Operation of Filling

the pen point in ink, slightly oscillating the small plunger. The ink is drawn right up into the barrel. When filled, the end may be readily screwed on again. The same operation, using water, cleans the inner parts of the pen. The small slot at the butt end (see page 25) permits a coin to be inserted for use in unscrewing the part easily.

Made with all styles and sizes of gold pens, and fitted with the superior Spoon Feed.

Made also with gold band on cap, at prices \$1.00 higher than the plain styles shown on page 25.

Secretary Pen

This fountain pen is adapted particularly as a dainty style for library and writing desk purposes. Delicate, yet very strong and durable, and of that fineness and pattern which make it so popular and appropriate. Many writers find great permanent convenience in a small pen of this kind. A perfect and complete Waterman's Ideal of a de Luxe style for general use and particularly appropriate for ladies. In one size only and of the several styles shown below.

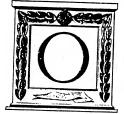
(Illustrations actual size) The Secretary Pen is of the No. 1212 G. M..........\$3.50 No. 1212 Chased\$2.50 Showing pen closed No. 5121/2 Colonial .. \$23.50 Also with chased bands or Also made in plain and mottled one middle band

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(Solid Gold)





F all the occasions that present themselves from the first to the last day of every passing year there is positively no other one article, among the staples of the world, that affords as useful, beautiful and appropriate a gift as a fountain pen. It is a lasting reminder of the giver, and in the hands of the

receiver, is an object of great pride, whether in the possession of a youth or an elder.

That the standard quality, which has been recognized the world over for a quarter century, increases the value of the pen, to the receiver, is acknowledged by the donor in his selection of a Waterman's Ideal at an agreeable cost.

The gibes and slings of old have ceased where Waterman's Ideals are known, and their distribution continues to grow year after year to permanently supplant all other tools for handwriting purposes.

The appropriateness increases with the consistency in preparation.

For College Students, Lodge Members or Fraternal Orders the Emblematic Mountings are exceptionally apropos.

Provincial Emblems are also always appreciated in their home countries, by the natives or travelers.

Handsome Sets, as suggested on page 52, are, without doubt, the finest gifts for Christmas, Weddings, etc., that can be conceived.

So on, with the Business Man, in his every branch, there is a special pen for every purpose;

The Professional Man;

The School Child;

And last, but not least, The Lady at Home, or in business, is the most enthusiastic of all, in her ownership of that "dear little life companion—Waterman's Ideal."

Emblematic Mountings

of the various Colleges, Fraternities, Lodges and Provinces, here illustrated, when mounted on a Waterman's Ideal, afford most appropriate gifts for all occasions, particularly at Lodge Installations, College Commencements, or as Tourists' Souvenirs.

The pronounced beauty of these emblems cannot adequately be reproduced, but in reality, being enameled in colors on solid gold, they are, indeed, exquisite; and when mounted on a gold band around the cap of pen they are rich beyond description.

College Emblem Pens



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Fraternal Orders and Clubs





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Scottish Rite







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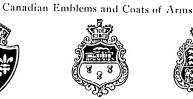


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